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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

As noted below, please cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method of treating a patient, comprising the steps of:

securing a first rod at a first site in the patient;

securing a second rod at a second site in the patient;

introducing a curable media in between the first and second rods to form a cross link; and

linking the first rod to the second rod by permitting the media to cure.

22. (Original) A method of treating a patient as in Claim 21, wherein the introducing step comprises introducing the curable media into a tubular media support structure extending between the first and second rods.

23. (Original) A method of treating a patient as in Claim 22, wherein the support structure comprises a balloon.

24. (Original) A method of treating a patient as in Claim 21, wherein the method is accomplished percutaneously.

25. (Original) A method as in Claim 21, wherein the linking step comprises positioning a balloon between the first and second rods and introducing the media into the balloon.